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SUBJ: SIDELINE PRODUCTION BY INDIVIDUAL FARMERS

REF: HONG KONG 11388

1. THE STATEMENT IN PARA THREE REFTEL THAT INDIVIDUAL
SIDELINE PRODUCTION ACCOUNTS FOR APPROXIMATELY 25
PERCENT OF CHINA'S TOTAL AGRICULTURAL OUTPUT SEEMS TO
US MUCH TOO HIGH, BUT THE DIFFERENCE MAY BE WITH
OUR DEFINITIONS OF AGRICULTURAL OUTPUT.

2. WE ESTIMATE THAT PRIVATE AGRICULTURAL PLOTS
COMPROMISE ABOUT THREE TO FIVE PERCENT OF CHINA'S
CULTIVATED AREA. E.G., ONE COMMUNE NEAR PEKING
ALLOWS A TWENTIETH OF A MU, OR 33 SQUARE METERS,
PER PERSON, OR FIVE PERCENT OF CULTIVATED AREA.
SOME COMMUNES HAVE NONE AT ALL. WHILE PRODUCTION IN
SOME PRIVATE PLOTS IS PRESUMABLY FAVORED AS AGAINST
COLLECTIVE PRODUCTION, THIS IS BY NO MEANS
ALWAYS THE CASE. IN ANY CASE, MOST PRIVATE
PLOT PRODUCTION IS CONSUMED BY THE PRODUCING HOUSEHOLD
AND THEREFORE DIFFICULT TO ESTIMATE PRECISELY.

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3. A MUCH HIGHER PERCENTAGE OF POULTRY AND PIGS ARE PRODUCED
PRIVATELY BUT WE DO NOT BELIEVE THE TOTAL OF THIS WOULD RAISE
THE OVERALL PERCENTAGE VERY MUCH. IN SHORT, WE ESTIMATE THAT
INDIVIDUAL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION IS, AT MAXIMUM, NO MORE
THAN TEN PERCENT OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION.

4. IF INDIVIDUAL NON-AGRICULTURAL SIDELINE PRODUCTION,
SUCH AS HANDICRAFT PRODUCTION IS INCLUDED, THE PERCENTAGE
WOULD OF COURSE BE SOMEWHAT HIGHER.
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